Bicycle Lanes

Increase Bicycle Lanes and Trails

In spite of our winters, Minneapolis boasts 10,000 cyclists and has one of the highest numbers of bicycle parking spaces of any city in the United States. Bicycling is good for our health, economy and environment. The City encourages bicycling by advocating for and constructing additional miles of bicycle lanes and trails.

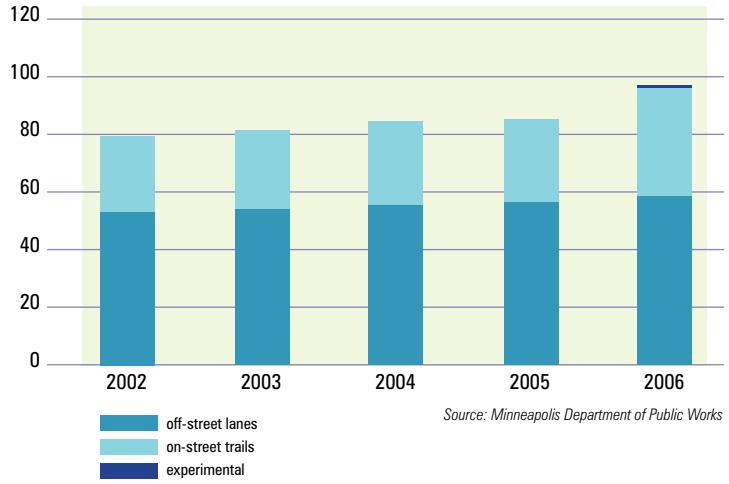
Target

Add 44 miles of bicycle lanes and trails to 2004 levels by 2015, including 14 miles of on-street lanes and 30 miles of off-street trails.

Trend Analysis

Minneapolis has steadily added bicycle lanes and trails and has moved bicycle-related capital projects ahead of schedule in recent years. The City has increased on-street lanes by nine miles and off-street trails by two miles from 2004 levels for a total of 96 miles and is on track to meet or exceed its 2015 goals.

Bike trail mileage in Minneapolis
in miles



Source: Minneapolis Department of Public Works

With 10,000 cyclists and almost 100 miles of bicycle lanes and trails, Minneapolis is a great place to ride.

Recent City and Community Activities

- Completed Phase 3 of the Midtown Greenway (South Minneapolis) connecting Hiawatha Avenue to the Mississippi River. www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/midtown.asp
- Completed Central Avenue Trail (Northeast Minneapolis).
- Completed Phase 2 of the Loring Bikeway (downtown), which included new landscaping and public art. www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/public-works/cip/loringbike2
- Added seven miles of bicycle lanes along Plymouth Avenue, 26th Avenue North, 42nd Avenue North and Second Street North (North Minneapolis) www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/public-works/cip/northside
- Installed dozens of new bicycle racks at local businesses, schools, parks and cultural centers.
- Completed a citywide bicycle parking inventory that will help the City better meet the parking needs of cyclists. www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/bikeparking-rackinventory.asp
- Began work on a new Safe Routes to School Initiative in partnership with the Minneapolis Public Schools.
- Created an experimental bike route in partnership with the CARAG neighborhood organization. Instead of a separate bicycle lane, this experimental route is designed to direct bicyclists to smaller side streets, allowing for both automobile and bicycle traffic.
- Transit for Livable Communities, a local nonprofit, in partnership with the City received a $21.5 million grant for a pilot program to increase biking and walking in Minneapolis and surrounding areas. www.tlcminnesota.org/Resources/NTP%20Program/ntp.html
- See related activities under Downtown Transportation Alternatives.

Web Links & Resources

City of Minneapolis biking information
www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/index.asp

Minnesota State Bicycle Advisory Committee
www.mnsbac.org

Metropolitan Council Metro Commuter Services biking program
www.metrotransit.org/serviceInfo/bikesOnTransit.asp